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1. The Instituto Cultural Argentino-Ruso (Argentine-Russian Cultural Institute), whose purpose is to promote close cultural relations between Argentina and the USSR, moved its headquarters from Maipu 735 to Solis 1230, shortly after the arrival in Buenos Aires of the Soviet Trade Delegation on 22 July 1953.
2. On 25 August the governing board of the institute, composed of the following members, was elected:
 1. Jesus AMILLANO, Montevideo 1686.
 2. Francisco ARAMBARRI.
 3. Dr. Manuel G. ARMENGOL, lawyer, Rodriguez Pena 541.
 4. Dr. Pablo CHANUSSOT, president of the institute.
 5. Dr. Jose HALPERN, dentist, Bernardo de Irigoyen 1364.
 6. Noemi KOHAN
 7. Dr. Pablo C. LOCKHART, physician, R. Pena 158.
 8. Bartolome MIRABELLI, Fernando Espire 466, Acassuso.
 9. Dr. Americo NUNZIATA, physician, Guemes 815, Vicente Lopez.
 10. Luis ORSETTI
 11. Rene Saul ORSI, Suipacha 576.
 12. Ricardo PASSANO, actor.
 13. Berta PERELSTEIN, professor.
 14. Juan PETORUTTI.
 15. Dr. Atilio REGGIANI, physician, Brasil 2689.
 16. Hector E. VERA, Cabildo 297, Moron.
 17. Jorge Raul VIALE, notary public, Lavalle 556.
3. Approximately 1500 persons attended a meeting of the institute which was held on 10 October in the Salon Principe, Sarmiento 1230. The meeting was scheduled for 3:30 p.m., but it did not actually begin until 4:30. Grigori Rezanov, Soviet Ambassador, and Geronimo REMORINO, Argentine Minister of Foreign Affairs, were specially invited guests, but they were not observed to attend.

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4. The entrance to the meeting hall was purposely made narrower by wood counters so as to permit no more than two persons to enter simultaneously. The entrance was guarded by four men, each wearing arm bands with blue and white Argentine colors and a faded yellow ribbon in the left coat lapel. Inside the hall the aisles were guarded every three yards by men wearing black ties, arm bands with Argentine colors, and the same faded yellow ribbon in the left lapel. These men gave the impression that they were "bouncers". It was noticed during the meeting that upon receiving a signal they always initiated applause. There were also about 30 women wearing the same arm bands and ribbons. It was estimated that about 200 persons were guarding the hall.
 5. Inside the lobby at a table two girls were selling copies of USSR, published by the Soviet Embassy in Montevideo. Ten other girls circulated among the audience soliciting donations and inviting persons to join the institute. The membership dues for the institute are five pesos monthly, which entitle members to receive the monthly bulletin, to use the institute's library, to attend lectures and motion pictures, and to receive a special discount in Russian-language courses taught at the institute.
 6. The meeting began with records of the Argentine and Soviet national anthems. Speakers were Manuel ARMENGOL, Pablo CHANUSSOT, Atlio REGGIANI, and Dmitri Dyakonov, First Secretary and Cultural Attache of the Soviet Embassy. After the speeches the announcer read off the names of persons who have been officially invited by the Moscow Institute of Cultural Diffusion Abroad to visit the USSR. These persons are:
 1. Hector Pedro ABOLSKY
 2. Dr. Manuel ARMENGOL, Rodriguez Pena 541
 3. Jose CALVO, journalist.
 4. Dr. Jose CALZARETTO, surgeon, Cordoba 2674.
 5. Raul GONZALEZ Tuno, writer.
 6. Dr. Jose HALPERN, dentist, Bernardo de Irigoyen 1364.
 7. Luis MIRINO Kramer, journalist.
 8. Ricardo PASSANO, actor.
 9. Berta PERELSTEIN, professor.
 10. Dr. Atilio REGGIANI, physician, Brasil 2689.
 11. Dr. Jorge THENON, physician.
 12. Dr. Hector P. VERA, physiologist, Cabildo 297, Moron.
 13. Jorge Raul VIALE, notary public, Lavalle 556.
- The name of another member of the delegation, who will be appointed by the Ministry of Technical Affairs, has not yet been obtained.
7. The remainder of the meeting was devoted to entertainment consisting of a concert, a ballet, and songs. The meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

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